

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hideaki FUKUZAWA, et al.

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SERIAL NO: New Continuation Application

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FOR: MAGNETORESISTANCE EFFECT ELEMENT, MAGNETIC HEAD, MAGNETIC HEAD ASSEMBLY,  
MAGNETIC STORAGE SYSTEM

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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/332,440, filed June 14, 1999, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	10-185475	6/30/1998
Japan	10-237821	8/24/1998
Japan	11-097072	4/2/1999

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/332,440, filed June 14, 1999
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number .  
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
  - are submitted herewith
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Respectfully Submitted,

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